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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Board Decision of 6-30-04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 3-26.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
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9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David P. Lentini on 2-09-05.

The application has been amended as follows:

The paragraph starting at page 1, line 6, was replaced with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of PCT/US97/12722, filed July 21, 1997; U.S. application Serial Number 08/853,522, filed May 8, 1997, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,635,417 on October 21, 2003; U.S. application Serial Number 08/837,524, filed April 21, 1997, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,143,901 on November 7, 2000; PCT/US97/03332, filed February 20, 1997; and U.S. application serial Number 08/601,078, filed February 26, 1996, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,090,947 on July 18, 2000; this application also claims benefit of U.S. provisional application Serial Number 60/038,384, filed February 14, 1997; U.S. provisional application Serial Number 60/026,713, filed September 25, 1996; U.S. provisional application Serial Number 60/024,374, filed August 1, 1996; and U.S. provisional application Serial Number 60/023,309, filed July 31, 1996. Each of these patents and patent applications is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janet L. Epps-Ford, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0757. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Saturday, Flex Schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John L. LeGuyader can be reached on 571-272-0760. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

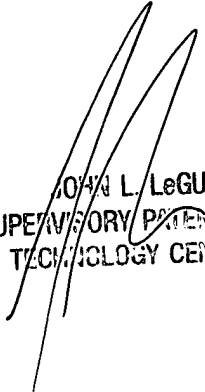
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